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SUBJECT: GOP REACTION TO ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT; DEATH PENALTY  
FOR TERRORISTS

1. ACCORDING LIMA PRESS, THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVED A DECREE LAW DECEMBER 3 ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO COMMIT CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR POLITICAL REASONS. OFFENDER WILL BE CONDEMNED TO: NOT LESS THAN TWENTY YEARS FOR CRIMES THAT CAUSE NEITHER PERSONAL NOR MATERIAL DAMAGE; NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS FOR CRIMES THAT CAUSE MATERIAL DAMAGE; AND DEATH FOR CRIMES THAT RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURIES OR DEATH. FOREIGNERS CONVICTED OF LESSER TWO OFFENSES ARE TO BE DEPORTED AFTER COMPLETING TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT; IF NATURALIZED PERUVIAN CITIZENS, THEY ARE TO BE DEPRIVED OF CITIZENSHIP. TRIALS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY COURTS MARTIAL WHICH "WILL TRY, JUDGE, AND EXECUTE THE SENTENCE WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF THE INITIATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS."

2. LIMA DAILIES CARRY STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT VELASCO, UPON LEAVING DECEMBER 3 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING, BLAMING DECEMBER 1 ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRIME MINISTER AND OTHERS ON "FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS MEDDLING IN OUR AFFAIRS, AND EXILED PERUVIANS OR ESCAPEES FROM JUSTICE BASED ABROAD AND ALSO A FEW MALCONTENTS WHO ARE STILL LIVING IN OUR  
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COUNTRY." DECEMBER 4 EXPRESO EDITORIAL RHETORICALLY ASKS

WHO WAS BEHIND THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION AND WHY. AFTER REFERRING TO EXPROPRIATED ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND BLAMING THEM, THE EDITORIAL SAYS THESE INTERESTS LACK SUFFICIENT POWER TO ACT ALONE, AND THAT THE CIA MUST BE CONSPIRING WITH THEM TO "DESTABLIZE" THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING EDITORIAL, CIA WANT TO DISRUPT UPCOMING MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS IN PERU IN ORDER TO ISOLATE PERU FROM ITS LATIN NEIGHBORS, AND "DESTABILIZE" GOP'S EFFORTS TO CONSTRUCT OIL PIPE LINE WHICH WOULD GUARANTEE PERU'S DEVELOPMENT.

3. COMMENT: THE DEATH PENALTY HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT IN THE PAST IN MATTERS CONCERNING BANK ROBBERIES AND CRIMINAL ASSAULTS AGAINST POLICE, BUT IS RELATIVELY UNKNOWN IN POLITICAL MATTERS. THE PROMPT APPROVAL OF THE MEASURE AND THE FORTY-EIGHT HOUR LIMITATION ON PROCEEDINGS CAN BE SEEN BOTH AS AN INTENDED DETERRENT TO TERRORISM AND AS AN INDICATION OF HOW SERIOUSLY GOP VIEWS THE PROBLEM. AS TO PLACING THE BLAME FOR TERRORISM, PRESIDENT VELASCO HIMSELF HAS INDICATED "FOREIGNERS" AND LOCAL COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES ARE TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE. THE PRESS HAS SPELLED THIS OUT BY ALLEGING A CIA/COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY PLOT.

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